जाने की प्रत्याशा है। जैसे ही अतिरिक्त विद्युत उत्पादन क्षमता विकसित कर ली जाती है अन्य बड़े लिंकों पर कार्य आरंभ हो जाएगा।

Servey of people living below poverty line

758. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted recently to assess the percentage of people living below the poverty line in each State;

(b) if so, the State-wise figures of percentage of such population;

(c) whether it is a fact that the percentage of people living below the poverty line in Eastern part of country is more, with North East being the worst; and

(d) if so, details of criteria being adopted for such assessment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (d) Planning Commission estimates incidence of poverty at national and state level using the quinquennial survey data (large surveys) on hosehold consumption expenditure released by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO). The last such survey was conducted in 1993-94 (50th round of NSS).the results of the survey are under process.

Development of marketing infrastructure for processed food

756. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering modernisation of traditional wholesale and retail marketing of processed food to carry larger loads, in the wake of globalisation;

(b) if so, the details of action taken in this regard in the post liberlisation era and results achieved thereunder, Statewise;

(c) the details of schemes/projects proposed to develop marketing infrastructural facilities and funds provided during the current year; and

(d) the details of international aid available for such projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not set up any units directly in any State. However, under the Plan Schemes being operated by the Ministry, financial assistance is provided to State Government Organisations, Joint Sector/Assisted Sector Unite/ Cooperatives/non-Governmental Organisations etc. in respect of proposals for setting up/upgradation/modernisation of existing units including development of marketing infrastructural facilities for modernisation of marketing of processed foods. No State specific allocation of fund is made under these Plan Schemes.

(d) The European Economic Community Assisted Project for Horticultural Development including processing of fruits and vegetables is under implementation in Kerala.

Refusal of CIL to supply washed coal to Hinduja's Power Project

760. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hinduja's Rs. 4,100 crore thermal power project proposed at Visakhapatnam has run into serious difficulties as coal India Ltd. has refused to supply washed coal;

(b) if so, whether Government have urged the CIL to provide necessary coal required for the Vizag Plant;

c) if so, to what extent they have agreed; and (d) if not, the main reasons therefor?